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SUBJECT: GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER POSITION

REF: AMBASSADOR LANDAU/ACKERMAN TELECON JUNE 27

1. POST VOLUNTARILY RELINQUISHED GSO POSITION IN 1973. CERTAIN OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES WERE ASSIGNED TO A SENIOR FSL AND THE REMAINDER ASSUMED BY THE CHIEF OF JAO. THIS ARRANGEMENT HAS NOT WORKED OUT AS EXPECTED AND HAS RESULTED IN TOO HEAVY A BURDEN ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND INADEQUATE PERFORMANCE.

2. THE JAO SERVES 9 USG AGENCIES, SOME FULLY, SOME PARTIALLY, HAVING COMBINED US POSITION CEILINGS OF 86. THE COMBINED WAREHOUSE PROVIDES HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, FURNISHINGS AND EQUIPMENT FOR FOUR AGENCIES, AS WELL AS OFFICE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT FOR THESE AND OTHERS. THE MOTOR VEHICLE FACILITY MAINTAINS APPROXIMATELY 60 VEHICLES. POST HAD BEEN STUDYING THE ADVISABILITY OF REINSTATING THE GSO POSITION FOR SOME TIME BUT DECIDED TO WAIT UNTIL THE SCHEDULED JUNE INSPECTION WAS COMPLETED.

3. THE INSPECTION DISCLOSED SEVERAL WEAKNESSES IN THE GENERAL SERVICES AREA AND THE INSPECTORS TOLD THE AMBASSADOR IN THEIR EXIT BRIEFING THAT THEY WILL RECOMMEND THAT THE POSITION BE RE-ESTABLISHED.

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4. RECOMMEND STEPS BE INITIATED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO

RESTORE THE GSO POSITION AND ASSIGN OFFICER TO FILL THE
SLOT. THIS RECOMMENDATION ACQUIRES ADDED URGENCY GIVEN
THE HUGE GAP IN JAO STAFFING LEFT BY UNEXPECTED
DEPARTURE OF JAO CHIEF IN MAY.
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